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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7830

BILL NUMBER: HB 1547

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 17, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Resettlement bonus for active duty veterans.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Murphy

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides for a resettlement bonus of \$500 for certain returning veterans. The bill appropriates money from the state General Fund to the Governor's Civil and Military Contingency Fund to pay for the bonuses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The bill makes an appropriation from the state General Fund equal to \$500 multiplied by the number of Indiana National Guard (ING) personnel that return from active duty between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2005. As of January 2003, approximately 1,800 ING personnel were on active duty. Current strength of the ING is approximately 12,000.

Assuming that no more than 1,800 ING personnel are called to active duty, and each member currently on active duty returns to reserve status, the estimated impact to state expenditures would be \$900,000 (1,800 X \$500.) The estimated bonus split evenly over the above dates would amount to \$300,000 per fiscal year. The overall impact to state expenditures would depend on the total number of ING personnel returning from active duty between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2005.

Contingency Fund- The Governor's Civil and Military Contingency Fund (the Fund) had \$350,758 in cash assets at fiscal year end June 30, 2002. As of January 16, 2003, the cash assets in the Fund were \$631,944. For the FY 2002 - FY 2003 biennium, the Indiana General Assembly appropriated \$400,000 per fiscal year to the Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Governor.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Lt. Colonel Powers, Indiana National Guard, 247-3559; *List of Appropriations July 1, 2001-June 30, 2003*; Auditor of State.

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